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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 TO OVERCOME CITED PUBLICATION

1. This declaration is submitted in response to the Advisory Action, mailed on December 31, 2008, and the final Office Action, mailed on November 5, 2008, to establish completion of our invention in the United States at a date prior to November 1, 2001, the effective date of United States Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0083890 to Duncan et al., which was cited by the Examiner. This Declaration supplements the declaration submitted on November 21, 2008 with our Reply to the final Office Action (referred to herein as “our first Declaration”).

2. The persons making this declaration are the inventors.

3. Prior to November 1, 2001, we conceived the present invention and prepared a document titled, "Virtual Warehouse," which describes the virtual warehouse system that is claimed in the present patent application (a copy of relevant portions of this document was attached as Exhibit A of our first Declaration).

4. Prior to November 1, 2001, we constructed a virtual warehouse system based on the design outlined in the "Virtual Warehouse" document (see Exhibit A of our first Declaration) and were testing the system. As part of the test program, we worked with a customer that entered orders using our virtual warehouse system. These orders were processed and shipped to the customer at various locations in the United States.

5. The test program included the creation of invoices, which were sent to the customer by Thomas & Betts prior to November 1, 2001 and contained specific information about the order. After the invoices were processed, Thomas & Betts issued credit invoices to the customer since the original invoices were part of the test program and not actual orders (four of these credit invoices are attached hereto as Exhibit B). In the second column of each credit invoice, appears the following statement: "CREDIT INVOICE _ _ _ _ _ ISSUED TO TEST VIRTUAL WHSE CAPABILITY." This statement indicated that the credit invoice was issued for an order placed by the customer as part of the testing of the capability of the virtual warehouse system. All of these credit invoices were dated prior to November 1, 2001.

6. After the test program was completed, we continued to make minor modifications to the virtual warehouse system to address the customer's specific requirements. However, the

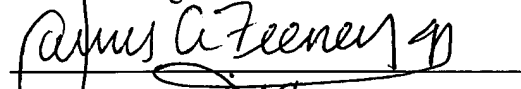
virtual warehouse system that was put into commercial use by Thomas & Betts was essentially the same as the system described in the "Virtual Warehouse" document (see Exhibit A of our first Declaration).

7. From the conception and reduction to practice of the present invention, prior to November 1, 2001, until the provisional application, from which the present patent application claims priority, was filed on December 6, 2002, we worked continuously and diligently on perfecting the present invention.

8. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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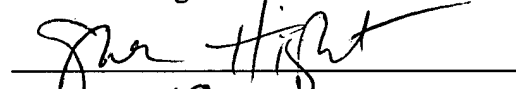
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